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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor Application of

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AUTOMATICALLY DELEGATING
ADDRESS SPACES AMONG
DYNAMIC HOST CONFIGURATION
SERVERS

Confirmation No.: 3085

Group Art Unit: 2143

Examiner: Phuoc H. Nguyen

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 10, 2005, the shortened statutory period for which runs until May 10, 2005.

Amendment to the claims begin at page 2.

Remarks begin at page 11.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks after entry of the amendments.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

on May 9, 2005

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